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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S LATIN AMERICA TRIP: MEDIA REACTION

1. GIVEN TENSIONS AND RIVALRY BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU WE HAD HALF EXPECTED CERTAIN AMOUNT OF GROUSING IN MEDIA WHEN SECRETARY VISITED LIMA AND SKIPPED SANTIAGO. SO FAR, HOWEVER, THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT IN EDITORIALS. INSTEAD PRESS HAS PLAYED UP ANY AND ALL ITEMS SPECULATING THAT SECRETARY WILL REPRESENT US AT VI OASGA TO BE HELD HERE IN JUNE.

2. COMMENTS OF SENIOR FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL TO PRESS FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH ARGENTINE FONMINISTER ON EVE OF SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP OFFER TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF CHILEAN REACTION SPOKESMAN REPEATEDLY QUOTED ARGENTINE AS STATING KISSINGER WOULD TRAVEL TO BUENOS AIRES AND SANTIAGO IN JUNE BUT HE OMITTED ANY MENTION OF SECRETARY'S CURRENT TRIP.

3. COMMENT: WE ASSUME MEDIA TREATMENT OF KISSINGER VISIT REFLECTS GOC GUIDANCE TO DOWNPLAY ISSUE.
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